MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know what action the Government propose to take with regard to the diversion of the course?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The file has been transferred to the Irrigation Department for report.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is this question regarded mainly as a question of irrigation or as a question of prevention of frequent floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): As a matter of fact, it does not seem to be an irrigation work.

Building for Vamanapuram District Dispensary.

295. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to construct a new building for the use of the dispensary; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what has become of the proposed construction of the building?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Appointments made by the Nedumangad Tahsildar.

296. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they will furnish a caste-war statement of the appointments and the acting appointments made by the Tahsildar, Nedumangad;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, when permanent vacancies and temporary vacancies occur in the Taluk Cutcherry and the Pakuthi Cutcherries, the Nedumangad Tahsildar, without considering the claims of acting persons, recruits new persons to the posts; and

(*c*) whether recruitment of new persons, in the presence of persons who have acted, is permissible?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) Three persons have been newly appointed as Ag. Accountants. Two of them are reported to belong to communities not adequately represented in public service and the third was entertained when none of the persons included in the acting list had to be provided for.

(*c*) None was recruited overlooking the claims of those who have acted.

* *Vide* Appendix VI.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): It is asked in part (*c*) of the question 'whether recruitment of new persons, in the *presence* of persons who have acted, is permissible'. I want to know whether Government have ordered that persons once appointed must be *present* when new appointments are made. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: The member really does not expect any answer; he can answer it himself.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know the communities to which the two persons belong?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): One is a Muslim and the other is a Veluthedathu Nair.

Motor checking in the Nedumangad Taluk.

297. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Taluk Tahsildar, Nedumangad is specially empowered to check the Service Motor Buses in the taluk:

(*b*) how many buses the Taluk Tahsildar has checked during the course of the year (1109) till the end of Medam 1109; and

(*c*) how many cases of motor offence the Taluk Tahsildar has taken cognizance of and reported to the Police Station at Nedumangad and to the Magistrate's Court?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) None.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I did not hear the answer to part (*b*).

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The answer is 'Two'.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how, in the face of the answer to part (*a*), the Tahsildar took up two cases?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Though the Tahsildar has not been *specially* empowered, he has got latent and potential powers which he could exercise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the nature of the dormant or latent or potential powers of the Nedumangad Tahsildar?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I believe he has first class or second class Magistrate's powers.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Can he exercise the magisterial powers when there is a Stationary Second Class Magistrate there?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): He can call up his powers whenever he wants.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Tahsildar can excercise Second Class Magistrate's powers in the presence of the Stationary Magistrate?

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Appendix VI.

***Vide* Question No. 296.**

Statement by caste of appointments made by the Ag. Tahsildar, Nedumangad.

Hindus.	Brahmins (Malayala)			:
	Brahmins (others)			:
	Ezhavas.			2
	Kammalas.			:
	Kshatriyas (Malayala)			:
	Nadars.			:
	Nayars.			12
	Pulayas.			:
	Vellalas.			3
	Other depressed classes			:
	Other Hindus.			1
Musalmans.				2
Christians.	Protestants.			:
	Roman Catholics.	Latin rite.		:
		Syrian rite.		:
		Syrian.	Jacobite.	:
			Mar Thoma.	:
	Church of England.			:
	Others.			:
	Remarks.			: